

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE

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COURSE OUTLINE  
LR 3010 (LEGAL RELATIONS)  
Fall/Winter 1998/99

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**OFFICE HOURS:** By appointment  
**CLASS TIME:** 4:30 - 5:50 P.M. Tuesday & Thursday  
**TEXT:** Smyth, Soberman & Easson. The Law and Business Administration in Canada, 8th Edition. Scarborough: Prentice-Hall (1997).

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is a broad survey course meant to provide an overview of legal principles relevant to the business world. Some of the main areas touched upon include: constitutional law, tort law, forms of business organization, contracts, employment law, insurance and land law.

**COURSE FORMAT**

The learning process in this course is based on lectures and interactive discussion of the textbook and the occasional video. Guest lecturers with expertise in particular areas may also be used.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To introduce the student to basic legal concepts.
2. To familiarize the student with specific areas in which law impacts business.

**GRADING**

Grande Prairie Regional College uses the nine-point grading system as described in the college calendar.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the final grade you receive reflects your effort and achievement as accurately as possible.

Chapter Exams (3 @ 20%)	60%
Final Exam	30%
Attendance, effort and participation	10%

\* In addition, you may be expected to complete various reading and writing assignments outside of class time. (e.g. chapter-end questions for discussion) Pop quizzes may be used to give feedback on your comprehension and retention. Quiz scores may be factored into the participation component of your final grade.

### ***Re: Exams***

You will be tested on your understanding of and ability to apply the concepts presented in class and in the readings. Textbook material and anything discussed in class, presented by guest speakers, videos or distributed in handouts is fair game for exams. Chapter exams will typically cover eight chapters. Except for the first exam, a portion of each exam's questions will be put on reserve at the library approximately one week before the date of the exam. The final exam will NOT cover material from the start of the course. More detail on the exams will be provided as the term progresses.

### ***Re: Participation***

The participation grade is based on attendance and both the quantity and quality of in-class participation. You should expect to be called upon to answer questions during class. You may be asked for informal exercises or assignments to be handed in on a random basis. As well, you are responsible for obtaining any notes or handouts you may have missed due to an absence.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

(\*May be revised as required)

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Reading</i>
1	Sept. 3 Sept. 8	Course Introduction. Law, Freedom and Society. The Role of the Courts.	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
2	Sept. 10 Sept. 15	The Machinery of Justice. The Law of Torts. Professional Liability.	Ch. 3 Ch. 4 Ch. 5
3	Sept. 17 Sept. 22	Offer & Acceptance. Consideration and Intention to Create Legal Relations. Capacity to Contract.	Ch. 6 Ch. 7 Ch. 8
4	Sept. 24 Sept. 29	<b>Exam 1.</b> Legality of Object. Mistake.	Ch. 9 Ch. 10
5	Oct. 1 Oct. 6	Misrepresentation, Undue Influence and Duress, The Requirement of Writing. The Interpretation of Contracts.	Ch. 11 Ch. 12 Ch. 13
6	Oct. 8 Oct. 13	Privity of Contract and the Assignment of Contractual Rights. The Discharge of Contracts. The Effect of Breach.	Ch. 14 Ch. 15 Ch. 16

7	Oct. 15 Oct. 20	<b>Exam 2.</b> Remedies for Breach. The Contract of Sale: Its Nature and Effect.	Ch. 17 Ch. 18
8	Oct. 22 Oct. 27	Remedies of the Parties and Consumer Protection Legislation. Insurance and Guarantee. Bailment.	Ch. 19 Ch. 20 Ch. 21
9	Oct. 29 Nov. 3	Principal and Agent. The Contract of Employment. Negotiable Instruments.	Ch. 22 Ch. 23 Ch. 24
10	Nov. 5 Nov. 10	<b>Exam 3.</b> Intellectual Property. Interests in Land and Their Transfer.	Ch. 25 Ch. 26
11	Nov. 12 Nov. 17	Landlord and Tenant. Mortgages of Land. Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships.	Ch. 27 Ch. 28 Ch. 29
12	Nov. 19 Nov. 24	The Nature of a Corporations and Its Formation. The Internal Affairs of Corporations. The External Responsibilities of a Corporation.	Ch. 30 Ch. 31 Ch. 32
13	Nov. 26 Dec. 1	Legal Devices for Securing Credit. Creditors' Rights.	Ch. 33 Ch. 34
14	Dec. 3 Dec. 4	International Business Transactions. Last day of classes for most programs <b>Final Exam (?) (T.B.A.)</b>	Ch. 35
	Dec. 8-17	Final Exams for most programs	